

CFSF Family Connection

July & August 2018



Dear Foster Parents,

This June marks my 35th year in the field of social work. I remember graduating from college and beginning my career at Mission Creek Youth Camp in 1983. I remember thinking "I am going to change lives". Five years later I started working as a probation monitor thinking the same thing. At the same time, I started working for Youth for Christ with "high risk" gang kids - thinking the same thing. Needless to say, "I" did not change lives.

I was introduced to foster care in the early 90's. I quickly learned that change is possible for kids, but family is the real way to bring it about. It is not about the perfect words at the right moment or the fun activities that bring a smile to a child's face. These things are good, but real change can only happen with a long-term love and devotion of a family. From changing diapers to putting bandages on; from tucking kids in at night to making breakfast when they wake; from helping them with homework to holding them when they are sad. This is what changes lives - you change lives with the collective good you do every day.

As we move forward with society I am finding more and more of a push toward "services", "programs", "therapy" or any number of good programs geared to help our foster children. Don't get me wrong, these efforts are important, but NOTHING comes close to what you do as foster parents. You are the Rock Stars of our society. The work you do is the essence of what transforms lives. Every effort will be made at CFSF to promote and hold up the work you do. I thank God for you all and feel honored to be able to serve you. The lives you touch have lasting value and are much appreciated.

God Bless you ALL,

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington



Respite Care

Summer is here and so are vacations. If you'll be needing respite this summer, please turn your request in as soon as you know the dates. It's never too early to let us know!

From January 2018 to April 2018, our agency has filled 217 respite requests and used 745 days of respite!

To notify us in an email please contact:

Western WA: Respite@cfsf.net

Eastern WA: keke@cfsf.net

Foster Parent Support Group

- ◇ 2nd Saturday of every month @ 4 pm
- ◇ One hour of training/WAC discussion
- ◇ Good, supportive conversation
- ◇ Potluck dinner & Kids are welcome!

Call our main office for details! 360-895-7889



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JUNE ADOPTIONS



Caregiver Core Training

CFSF Office

4505 Pacific Hwy E. Ste# B

Fife, WA 98424

When:	July 14	9am-4pm	Sessions 1 & 2
	July 15	9am-4pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	July 28	9am-4pm	Sessions 5 & 6
	July 29	9am-4pm	Sessions 7 & 8

CFSF Office

521 Grape St. E.

Omak, WA 98841

When:	July 16	12pm-7pm	Sessions 1 & 2
	July 17	12pm-7pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	July 23	12pm-7pm	Sessions 5 & 6
	July 24	12pm-7pm	Sessions 7 & 8

CFSF Office

209 Ash Street

Moses Lake, WA 98837

When:	July 19	6pm-9pm	Session 1
	July 20	6pm-9pm	Session 2
	July 21	9am-4pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	July 26	6pm-9pm	Session 5
	July 27	6pm-9pm	Session 6
	July 28	9am-4pm	Sessions 7 & 8

The Learning Ladder

100 Valley Mall Way Ste # 110

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

When:	July 23	6pm-9pm	Session 1
	July 24	6pm-9pm	Session 2
	July 28	9am-4pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	August 6	6pm-9pm	Session 5
	August 7	6pm-9pm	Session 6
	August 11	9am-4pm	Sessions 7 & 8

CFSF Office

1502 Roland Ave.

Port Orchard, WA 98366

When:	July 31	6pm-9pm	Session 1
	August 1	6pm-9pm	Session 2
	August 4	8:30am-3:30pm	Sessions 3 & 4
	August 14	6pm-9pm	Session 5
	August 15	6pm-9pm	Session 6
	August 18	8:30am-3:30pm	Sessions 7 & 8

CFSF Summer Events

- ♦ **CFSF Lake Days -Port Orchard**
Every Thursday 12pm-6pm
July 12th –August 31st
- ♦ **Farm Days –Spanaway (RSVP required)**
Sat. July 14th 10am-2pm
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Kennewick**
Wed. August 1st 4pm-7pm
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Vancouver**
Thurs. August 2nd– Contact Vancouver office
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Puyallup**
Sun. August 5th 3:30pm-7:30pm
- ♦ **Poker Run -Port Orchard**
Sat. August 18th 9am-2pm
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Spokane**
Tues. August 21st 4pm-7pm
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Moses Lake**
Thurs. August 23rd 4pm-7pm
- ♦ **CFSF Summer BBQ –Omak**
Contact Omak office 509-707-9300



Do you have a pool or trampoline? If so, please notify your licensor ASAP to write a safety plan.

Upcoming Classes

July 12th @ 6pm-8pm at CFSF Fife office

"Hope for Healing" -PART TWO

July 13th @ 10am-1pm at CFSF Port Orchard office

"To the Bone" Discussion on Eating Disorders -lunch provided)

July 25th @ 6pm-9pm at CFSF Port Orchard office

"Youth Missing in Care" -(child care available upon request)

August 9th @ 6pm-8pm at CFSF Fife office

"Hope for Healing" -PART THREE